

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended. Claims 7-20 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6 and 21-23 are pending. By amending the claims, applicant is not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112 and is not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the references cited by the Office Action, as the claim amendments and cancellations are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as it existed prior to any amendment or cancellation and to pursue other claims, in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. No new matter is added by these amendments. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 4, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton (US 2004/0019724 A1). Claims 1 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton and Ramakesavan (US 2003/0065734 A1). Claims 1 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton and Huber (US 7,197,584 B2). Claims 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton, Ramakesavan, Huber, and Chen (US 2004/0148419). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Singleton, Ramakesavan, Huber, and Hawkins (US 6,957,397 B1).

Claim 1 recites: "sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable

simultaneously with the computer display,” which is not taught or suggested by Singleton, Ramakesavan, Huber, Chen, and Hawkins for the reasons argued below.

In contrast to claim 1, the Singleton PDA 102 is attached to a docking port 120 in the palm rest 118 of the body 112, as illustrated by Singleton at Fig. 1 and as described by Singleton at [0014] and [0015], so the Singleton PDA 102 is not attached via a hinge to a lid, and the Singleton PDA 102 does not rotate, so Singleton teaches away from “sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display,” as recited in claim 1.

In contrast to claim 1, the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 in Figure 6 “[operates] as an integrated unit” with the laptop display 610 (Ramakesavan at [0033]), so the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 is not attached via a second hinge to the laptop display 610 and does not rotate “between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer” as recited in claim 1 because the Ramakesavan PDA display 620 is never atop the Ramakesavan laptop display 610.

In further contrast to claim 1, Fig. 5 of Ramakesavan illustrates a detached PDA 500 having a display 510 and a housing 520 attached via a hinge, as described by Ramakesavan at [0032]. Thus, Ramakesavan teaches away from “sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the

second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display,” as recited in claim 1 because the Ramakesavan display 510 and housing 520 of the detached PDA 500 rotate about each other via a hinge and not “between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer,” as recited in claim 1 because Fig. 5 of Ramakesavan illustrates the PDA 500 detached from the Ramakesavan laptop and the hinge that attaches the PDA display 510 and the PDA housing 520 is attaching the display and housing components of the PDA 500 to each other and not attaching the Ramakesavan detached PDA 500 to a laptop.

In contrast to claim 1, the Huber PDA 605 “is placed into the indented space 615” of the PC chassis 600, as described by Huber at column 5, lines 23-27, and as illustrated by Huber at Fig. 6. Since the Huber PDA is placed into an indented space of a PC chassis, the Huber PDA is not attached via a hinge to the PC chassis and does not rotate, so Huber teaches away from “sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display,” as recited in claim 1.

In contrast to claim 1, Chen does not describe a personal digital assistant or one device connected to another via a hinge so Chen does not teach or suggest “sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the

computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display,” as recited in claim 1.

In contrast to claim 1, Hawkins at Fig. 1A and column 2, lines 60-67 describes a “handheld computer 100,” which is not connected to a computer via a hinge and does not rotate, so Hawkins does not teach or suggest “sending the data to a personal digital assistant that is detachably and rotatably connected to the lid portion of the computer via a second hinge, wherein the personal digital assistant rotates via the second hinge between a second closed position atop the lid portion of the computer and a second open position side-by-side with the lid portion of the computer, wherein in the second open position a screen of the personal digital assistant is viewable simultaneously with the computer display when the base portion and the lid portion of the computer are in the first open position, and wherein in the second closed position the screen of the personal digital assistant is not viewable simultaneously with the computer display,” as recited in claim 1.

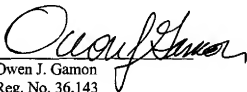
Claims 2-6 and 21-23 are patentable for depending on claim 1.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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